

THE PHOENIX



The Coordinators Corner



It feels as though summer weather has been with us for months! Club Phoenix has taken advantage of the nice weather and held many of our daily scheduled events outside. Let's hope that this trend continues.

The Teen Center will be holding an end of the school year party for all of our teens on Friday, June 8th. We will be saying goodbye to a great group of kids that have made this year at Club Phoenix both interesting and lively. We hope that they continue coming to Club Phoenix as they move on to middle school. If you are interested in

having your child attend Club Phoenix as a middle school student, we would love to have them! Unfortunately, we do not have transportation from school to the teen center; contact your school to see where the nearest bus stop to Club Phoenix might be.

Just a reminder that we are also open for the Summer!!! I hope you have a safe and fun summer.

Cheers,

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Club Phoenix Improv Group

We are wrapping up another year of Improv at the Teen Center. The teens involved had fun performing skits, playing improv games and making fond memories. Unfortunately, due to scheduling conflicts with a lot of our club members, we are unable to do an end of the year show. However, all the teens that participated should be

congratulated on another successful year of improv. We will be taking a look at potential start dates as well as a change of days for the fall of 2012. Keep a look out for fun summer improv programs to get ready for the school year! If you are interested in any further information, please contact Brandy Wyatt at 703-255-5721.

Extended Hours for grades 6th through 8th

Once a month during the school year, Club Phoenix extends its Friday hours for ALL grades 6th through 8th until 10:00 p.m. There will be special events planned for the extended hours, like basketball, dodgeball, movies and more. There will be one

date of extended hours for the summer, June 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. We will be playing dodgeball, eating pizza and celebrating another great school year!

INTERESTED IN THROWING A BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR YOUR TEEN? CLUB PHOENIX IS AVAILABLE FOR RENTAL ON WEEKENDS. YOUR TEEN MUST BE A MEMBER OF CLUB PHOENIX TO QUALIFY. PLEASE SEE OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND RENTAL DETAILS.

Looking For Some Summer Fun?

The Town of Vienna Parks and Recreation Department offers various summer camps for all ages. From fencing to football, all interests are generally covered. There are a few new camp offerings this year, such as

Tech for the Creative Teen and LEGO Engineering Fundamentals. All camps are listed in the Summer Camp Activities brochure available online at www.viennava.gov

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Getting Your First Job...Tips For Your Teen.

Finding a job when you are a teen can be daunting and fun all at the same time. Earning your own money is rewarding, and helps you gain some independence. Below are a few tips your teen should think about before they jump into the summer job rat race!

- If you are applying for your first job, chances are you don't have much work experience. Most applications have a space for "previous work experience". You can use any volunteer work, community groups, school clubs church organizations or odd jobs like lawn mowing in this space. You can list people from these organizations as references.
- If you are 15, you cannot legally work in the state of Virginia without a work permit. If you are not old enough for a work permit, you can gain valuable work experience doing odd jobs around your neighborhood. You can sign up for our Odd Job bank on the Town of Vienna website, www.viennava.gov.
- Entry level jobs are a great way to see what you might like or not like to get into when you are older. They can be found in retail and restaurants and entail being a cashier, stock clerk, hostess and more. They can earn valuable experience in customer service, leadership and responsibility.
- Let family and friends know you are looking for a job. They can often lead you to opportunities you may have missed.
- Make sure to leave time for yourself! Jobs should be fun and a learning experience, but should not take up all your of free time.

Check out these websites for more information, www.getajob.com and www.hireteen.com. Above all, talk to your parents or guardians before looking for a job. They know your schedule and are there to help you with the ins and outs of the job market.

Speakers Needed for Parent Programs

The Teen Center sponsors a free Parent Program Series during the school year. The series focuses on providing useful and relevant information for parents of tweens and teens. In the past we have offered programs on internet safety, understanding social media and youth sports injuries. We are currently looking for speakers to donate their time and their expertise to the community for the fall of 2012 and beyond.

Specifically, we are looking for volunteers to present on the following topics:

- Tips for parents to help their child get their first job.
- How to deal with defiant tweens and teens.
- How to loosen the reins.
- Dealing with teen anger.

We are always open to any other topics that you might find interesting. If you know of someone or are interested in presenting, please contact Brandy Wyatt at 703-255-5721 or bwyatt@viennava.gov.

Tots and Teens on the Green

Club Phoenix Teen Center will be hosting the Third Annual Tots and Teen on the Green this summer! The program is led by staff and teen volunteers. Families are invited to join in some summer fun! Each event is free and open to all! The weekly event runs Wednesdays from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call the Town of Vienna rain line at 703-255-7842 for cancellations. There are no rain dates!

July 11

Dinosaur Day – GRROOWWLL!! Bring out your inner Dinosaur through crafts, games and a dinosaur egg hunt!

July 18

Sports Day – Whether your favorite sport is basketball or hockey, you will have a BALL with all of our games and contests!

July 25

Princesses and Superheroes Day – Pretty crowns and awesome capes are going to part of our fun day of dress up! There will be games and arts and crafts for all.

August 1

Nature Day – Appreciate nature and exercise your green thumb while learning about how plants grow. There will be arts and crafts and more!

August 8

A Rockin' Obstacle Course Party – Tricky obstacles set to some fun music will help you keep busy during the long lazy days of summer. It will be the last blast before we wrap up the season!

Community Service Opportunities

During each school year, students flood the Vienna Community Center looking for volunteer hours for school. They (or their parents) call in a flurry looking for last minute hours so they can pass their class. Club Phoenix as well as our Parks Department have several year long service opportunities as well as special event throughout the year. Since we can only take a certain number of volunteers, signing up in advance is key. Several special events in the fall need quite a number of volunteers, such as the Kids Halloween Party and Lunch with Santa. Below are a list of some events that might spark interest with your teen;

Kids Halloween Party	October 20, 2012
Harvest Bazaar	November 10, 2012
Clean Up Day	November 2012
Lunch with Santa	December 8, 2012
Flashlight Egg Hunt	April 2013
Bag stuffing for events	April 2013

Park clean up and stream bed maintenance and community project are also excellent ways for your teen to earn service hours or just give back to their community. If your teen may need service hours next fall, and you are interested in getting started early, please contact Brandy Wyatt at 703-255-5721 for details.

Interested in submitting an article to the Club Phoenix Newsletter? Is your teen a budding journalist?

We are looking into starting a "Teen and Parent" corner for the newsletter for this fall. Submissions are due by August 17, and have to be clean and free of any derogatory or threatening language or themes. Articles can be about members of Club Phoenix, spotlights on fun program in the area, ideas for fun family projects, etc. Please contact Brandy Wyatt for further details at bwyatt@viennava.gov. The Vienna Parks and Recreation Department reserves the right to reject or edit any submissions. All submissions are limited to a 250 words per submission.